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**NEVADA STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
MINORITY/GENDER COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
October 9, 2013**

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Burgess at 2:04 p.m.

Roll Call – Alice Mueller

Members Present by Phone: Kirby Burgess, Dawn Lozano, Paula Smith

Statewide Task Force Members Present by Phone: Sharon Anderson, Thomas Stockard,

Members Absent: Joel Gutierrez, Noah Jennings, John Martin, Raymond McKay, Lisa Morris
Hibbler, Ivet Santiago, Egan Walker, Lonnie Wright

Staff Present by Phone: Pauline Salla, J. Alice Mueller, Ross Armstrong from the A.G. office

Public Comment and Discussion

There was no public comment.

Review of Official Minutes from September 11th, 2013 Meeting.

Since there was not a quorum, the minutes from September 11th, 2013 were tabled until the next meeting.

Specialist Salla requested some time to speak with Judge Stockard. She notified him that the Churchill County Facility was in excellent condition. An audit had been performed on Tuesday and DeVere is doing an excellent job. The report will reflect the great work that is being done there.

Update on Technical Assistance Request– Pauline Salla

An update on the Technical Assistance brought some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that the Burns institute really has not conducted a technical assistance request for doing a statewide policy. They did give us some new starting points to explore while

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performing our statewide assessment. Three samples from other states that have done a statewide assessment were provided so that we can review how theirs were completed. Copies of these will be forwarded to the members of the Minority and Gender Committee. This will be the first step in figuring out how to proceed. The Burns Institute has agreed to provide a technical assistance request for our NAJJA (National Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators) directors and chiefs from each of the counties in accordance to the relative rate index. They are also going to show how we can use it to our benefit and help us to drill down the data so that we can begin to figure out some of our justifications and explanations on why we continue to have disparate treatment at some points of contact in our system.

Specialist Salla mentioned that right before the government shutdown, she had received a request from OJJDP (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention) about our DMC (Disproportionate Minority Contact) compliance plan for the state. There are three pages of data requests from them along with some analysis and explanations concerning the statewide data. Once it is complete she will send it out to all the members. Some of what they are asking for is really about the statewide assessment. When she gets the data and does a thorough assessment, this could probably go towards the statewide assessment due in March. She will keep everybody up to date and forward information as it is completed.

Review Composition of Minority/Gender Committee Membership– Kirby Burgess

The membership of the committee is pretty much completed. An education representative is still missing, with Pedro Martinez from Washoe County being the individual suggested to fill that position. Before Fritz Reese retired, he was trying to make contact with him. Commissioner Burgess said he would continue trying to get in touch with Mr. Martinez.

Minority and Gender Brochure– Kirby Burgess

The Minority and Gender DMC Brochure had been presented to the full Juvenile Justice Commission at their August meeting in Winnemucca. It was pointed out that the pictures and graphics needed to be cleaned up before it could go to the printers.

The graphics had been upgraded but there was difficulty obtaining clearer copies of the original photos. Other pictures from the internet had been used to replace these original images. There was concern about not having acquired release from guardian or parents for these new pictures. Ross Armstrong requested Alice forward information about where the images were obtained so as to ascertain if they could be used. New pictures which include parent and guardian releases may need to be secured.

Once printed, they can be sent out to contacts and stakeholders within the state. Members of the committee who had list serves were requested to forward them on to Alice so that we could have the contact information.

New Business

The government shut down and how it would affect the operations of the Juvenile Justice Commission was discussed. There is still carry over for the commission portion of the formula grants and the first quarter draw down was submitted prior to the government shut down. We were told from the Department of Justice and the OJJDP that the grant that had just been awarded was to continue. The sub-grantees are to remain operating as they have been until further notice. If the government should stay shut down for a while, it is unsure how this would affect Specialist Salla's position as she is paid out of federal money. The fiscal department is analyzing how long before they need to do another draw down. Commissioner Burgess requested that Specialist Salla keep the commission informed because she provides much needed technical assistance.

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Specialist Salla also mentioned that Nevada has been recognized nationally for our Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Discretionary Grant. Letters and certificates have been distributed to the coalition and individuals who have done a lot of activities in Northern Nevada. Being recognized nationally is a great thing for Nevada.

Comments from Public

No members of the public were present, and there was no public comment.

Set Time, Date and Agenda for Next Meeting

The next Committee Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday November 13th, 2013 at 2:00 pm. This will be a phone conference.

Agenda:

Technical Assistance Planning

DMC Brochure

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. by Chairman Burgess.